

SGA President Urges Unity As He Outlines Key Issues

If the first months in office have taught Student Government Association President David Rey anything, it is, he says, the importance of being united in facing challenges on or off campus.

Whether it's fighting to preserve the quality of campus life or confronting such off-campus battles as budget cuts, "the more unified the student presence is," Rey believes, "the better the chances of victory."

"As president it is my responsibility to see that student rights are not violated and that all students are treated fairly and have equal access to activities paid for by their student fees," he said. "Student Government looks out for their well being, plans activities, and represents what we believe are the students' best interests."

With this in mind, Rey has made several projects key issues for his administration. Among them are:

- The implementation of a book voucher system at the book store or arranging for earlier distribution of stipend

checks so that students can purchase their textbooks early in the semester.

- Continuing the SGA book exchange program, where students bring in their used text books and SGA tries to sell them for the students.

- Monitoring cafeteria services and making sure prices are fair and food quality acceptable.

- Fighting in any way possible the deterioration of the campus experience. Rey is on record as opposing the establishment of a juvenile offender program at the College which he feels will have a negative effect on campus environment and will present serious security risks.

- Continuing efforts to get more students involved in student government, clubs, and activities while encouraging students to provide input and vote in elections.

- Streamlining and updating SGA office operations.

"I take the responsibilities of my office seriously. I am aware of my commitment to



David Rey

my constituents, and I pledge to do my best to achieve our goals and appoint the right people on the right senate committees to assure our success," Rey said.

In addition to Rey, SGA members for the academic year include: Tillack JaiJaiRam, vice president; Devon Persaud, treasurer; Angela Peguero, executive secretary; Christopher Banks, executive officer; and senators Ileana Santana, Argelia Ortiz, Gahiji Ben Jahi, Zina Powell, Larry Joseph, William Aponte, Juan Roca, and Chandrapaul JaiJaiRam.

Student Runs In Seoul Olympics

Clive Wright, Jr., a 22 year old psychology major, competed in the 200 meter race at the Olympics in Seoul, Korea, as part of the Jamaican National team.

Clive, who lives with his family in the Bronx, began to take running seriously in junior high school in Jamaica. By the time he entered Kingston Technical School, he had already won a number of meets. Today he is Jamaica's top-rated 200 meter runner.

On the track, his winning ways followed him to BCC. Last year he won the 200 meter event in Venezuela during the Central American Caribbean Championship and again at the Pan American Games in Indianapolis, Indiana. A semi-finalist for the 200 meters at the World Championships in Rome, Italy, he was ranked 45th in the world in 1987. Last May, in Odessa, Texas, Clive won the 200 meter in 20.47 for the Junior College National Championship, becoming the first BCC athlete to bring home a national title. He says he'll try to win it again.

"I owe a lot to my coach here at the college, Leslie Hogg," Clive said. "He is more than a coach. He is a dear



Clive Wright, Jr.

friend, my inspiration. I've been focusing on the Olympics for a long time, and the coach helped me achieve my goal one step at a time.

"The trick is to try to think of the Olympics as a regular meet," Clive explained. "When you know you want to do something, you work hard and you do it. The Olympics seemed like the next logical step for me."

Being a psychology major, Clive said, helped him concentrate and deal with the thousands of spectators. "There is a lot of tension," Clive added. "You never know the competition till you get there and the race has started."

Visiting Seoul, Korea and

participating in the games was a tremendous experience, and Clive is looking forward to the games in Spain in 1992. "If you want something in your life, you have to work for it," he believes. "It's up to every individual to decide what he wants and to pursue it."

The one disappointment of the games for Clive was the controversy over Ben Johnson and his alleged use of steroids. "I know Ben as a friend and as an athlete, but I can't say for sure if he did or did not use steroids. As an athlete, I feel pain for him. He's out of the sport for two years, and the sport will miss him. What troubles me is that there is a cloud over track and field now, and everybody's suspect."

The annual Hall of Fame for Great Americans Recognition Awards Dinner will be held on Wednesday, November 30, at the New York Hilton. The proceeds from the affair will benefit the BCC Foundation, Inc.

Darwin N. Davis, Senior Vice President of Equitable Financial Companies, and Roger N. Baier, President of Alexan-

Early Registration Begins Next Week

Early registration for the Spring 1989 semester begins next Monday, December 5 and runs through December 15. During this period, students are expected to see their academic advisors and plan their programs for next semester, thus avoiding the inevitable inconveniences that later registration entails.

Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Alice Fuller reminds students to see their advisors as soon as possible for an appointment. "Students should have received a mailing with the name of the advisor who has been assigned to them, the office hours, office number, and telephone number," said Dean Fuller.

If students have not received such information — and if these students do not have any unsettled financial obligations to the College — they should see Dean Fuller in Language Hall, room 11. Those students with unresolved financial matters must settle them before early registering.

Early registration will be held Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., from December 5 through 15. There will be no registration activity on December 8.

Dean Fuller outlined how the procedure works:

The student schedules an appointment with his advisor (988 students see their OCD instructors).

The student picks up the Spring 1989 Schedule of Classes booklet, available in the Registrar's Office beginning December 5.

When the student reports for his advisement appointment, he brings along the booklet, his mid term grade report, and an updated transcript (available in the advisor's department office or through the Registrar).

If the student is not listed in the curriculum of his choice, he should request an application for change of curriculum from the advisor.

Dinner To Benefit Foundation

der's Department Stores, will be the guests of honor. Robert H. Steele, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Dollar Dry Dock is dinner chairman.

More than 125 corporate executives and top businessmen have joined the Dinner Committee, according to Michael Durso, Senior Vice President of Dollar Dry Dock and Chairman of the BCC Foundation.

Finally, the student takes the completed registration forms to the Registrar's Office.

"Registering early is the convenient way to prepare for next semester," Dean Fuller asserted. "It also gives students a chance to meet with their advisors and review their progress toward a degree. We urge all students to register early this year."

Legal Advice For Students Is Available

Effective immediately the new Student Support Service Program will provide a free legal advice and referral service for currently matriculated students.

Michael D. Hampden, a Harvard Law graduate and experienced attorney in the field of social service law, will supervise the service. Advice and referral will be given for the following types of legal problems: landlord/tenant, domestic relations, consumer, entitlement, criminal, and civil.

Mr. Hampden will be available to meet privately with students at Sage Hall, second floor, on Wednesdays, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and on Thursdays, from noon to 2 p.m. Students may drop in or call 220-6106 for an appointment.

"It is too early to tell what the demand for this service will be like," Mr. Hampden said, "but instinctively I feel students, just like the general population, have legal needs. It is a very fine idea to have the College provide this service."

Consultation is always the first step in the process of solving legal problems, Mr. Hampden explained. "We don't intend to provide actual legal representation, but we will offer the initial consultation and possible referral. It was Lincoln who said that advice is a lawyer's stock in trade. Advice is important, and that is what we are going to provide."

Involved in legal aid and services work for the past twenty-one years, Mr. Hampden is currently with Bronx Legal Services which provides federally funded legal representation to low income people facing civil cases. He has been a part-time instructor in BCC's Paralegal Program.

In addition to this new legal service, the Student Support Service program provides general counseling, social service, tutoring, and learning specialist assistance.

EDITORIALS**What's In A Name?**

Registration can be a complicated procedure, especially if classes are to be scheduled to suit individual needs. Trying to do so is often impossible unless one acts ahead of time. And that is what early registration is all about. It can lessen frustration, help avoid anger, and practically eliminate disappointment and complications.

As good as the system is, there is, however, one way to make it better, and that is to let students know not only their class schedules ahead of time but also the names of their instructors. When we pick up our registration guides next week, we will see class listings but no instructor names next to each section. This is wrong.

Students have every right to know who is teaching a class before registering for it. Under the current system, we are being asked to make vital academic decisions based on incomplete information.

When choosing a class, a student should be able to make that choice not only to fit time schedules but also to suit instructional preferences. If a student feels he will respond more effectively to one particular professor's teaching style rather than another's, the student should be given enough information to allow him to register for the class with the instructor he believes is the most suitable for him.

We urge the Registrar and the office of the Dean of Academic Affairs to consider this serious omission and correct it. That would really make early registration — indeed registration — a service to students.

The Wrong Man

The United States has a new president elect, but if our poll of student voters is correct, and we think it is (see page 3), George Bush is not the president of our choice.

Still, there is a tradition in this country to rally around the winner, forget differences, and hope for the best. We are willing to try, but it's going to be tough.

The past election — the first one many of us participated in — will long be remembered for its negative campaigning. Actually, it was Mr. Bush who started things off with an emphasis on such non-presidential issues as pledging allegiance to the flag in public school classrooms. Once his credentials as a patriot were captured in his television commercials for the millions, Mr. Bush then tried to pass himself off as an environmentalist. Then, it was law and order. In commercials generally recognized as racist, he made convicted furloughed killer Willy Horton a national figure, playing brilliantly but cynically on the average American's fear of crime and on the bigoted American's fear of minorities.

How do we forget Noriega, the Contras, and selling weapons to Iran? How do we ignore the Reagan administration's poor record on education, complete with cutbacks in student loans and aid. Mr. Bush was there. He was part of the decision making.

In his early interviews as president elect, Mr. Bush has repeatedly stated that the election has given him a mandate from the American people. However, he must be president of all the people. He must not forget the students, the workers, the poor, the homeless, or the disenfranchised. A fairer America is now up to him.

CAMPUS MAIL**Thank You****To the Editor:**

I want to thank the thirty-five students who donated blood during the campus drive earlier this month. Their willingness to be of service to people who need them is indeed a testa-

ment to the student's civic mindedness and kindness.

They are very special and deserve this public thank you.

Dolores Magnotta,
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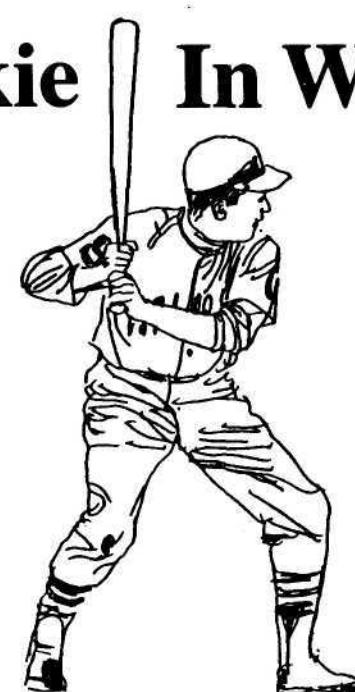
A Rookie In Winter

By Michael Cruz

Winter never seemed so bleak before; the baseball field never looked so empty. As I sat on a lonely, cold bench trying to put back the pieces of a shattered dream, I could almost hear my coach yelling, "What are you doing?" That roar stuck in my ears like the pine tar on my bat. As sullen as they sounded, those were the last words he ever spoke to me.

It all began on a warm September day, one I will never be able to erase. It was a perfect day to play the final game of the Little League Championship series. Everything seemed to our advantage. We had our best pitcher on the mound, the crowd seemed to lean to our side, and the other team was plagued by some key injuries. Ironically though, our pitcher was knocked out in the second inning. The crowd stopped rooting for us as the subs started kicking our butts. The only fortunate thing was that we were down by three runs, and even that seemed unendurable at the time.

By the time the last inning rolled around, the team was in a mental funk. I was getting restless on the bench. After all, it's every ballplayer's dream to play in a game like this. But it didn't seem likely for me because I was just a rookie,



and rookies always warm the benches for the stars.

We needed a miracle to pull off this game. When we loaded the bases for our power hitter, it seemed as if we were gonna get our miracle. Phil Clark, I'll never forget that guy. He was the greatest home run hitter our neighborhood had ever seen. He could hit them two sewer caps down the block. But during the most important moment at bat, he couldn't buy a home run if he had saved his allowance for the rest of his life. There were two outs. The coach was ready to give up when he turned to me and said, "Mike, get out there!" I couldn't believe it. I had the chance to pull off the game. Me, the kid. The only wood I had ever handled was from the splinters I got from the bench. But I was

ready.

I stood in the batter's box and stared the pitcher in the eyes. He wound up and fired a fastball which was called a strike. That pitch was the fastest thing I had ever seen. It was even faster than Billy, and Billy was the fastest kid on the block, the guy we could never catch when we played tag. The next pitch wasn't as fast. I swung and hit a high pop fly into foul territory. Whew, I said to myself. New life.

The next pitch I remember was a fastball, or so I thought, because I had closed my eyes. But when I heard that loud thunderous "CRACK," I opened my eyes and saw the ball fly over the outfielder's head. Before I could figure out what had happened, I raced to first base. We needed a home run, so I tucked my head down and did my imitation of a racehorse. I rounded second, reached third, and headed for home. I could see it—being mobbed by my teammates, girls, parents, the works! I slid...I did it! I reached home! Where's everybody? Why were they going home? When I turned around, to my horror, I saw that I had passed all the base runners. I was out and the game was over. I was crushed. I had no friends, except for the other team. I don't think I'll ever forget that game, but it was a long winter remembering it.

The First Thanksgiving

By Celia Hassan

Looking back with certain nostalgia, I recall the first Thanksgiving that I experienced in New York City. It was a time of insecurities and fears, of expectations and hopes. I had come from Puerto Rico a week before, and I was already missing my friends and family and the relative tranquility of the place where I had lived all my life. But I had come to this new city with the idea of accepting new challenges and experiences, and I did not want anything to get in my way.

I was feeling sorry for myself. During Thanksgiving in Puerto Rico, families get together to celebrate and thank God for all the good things He has given them and for the joy of being united with other family members under one roof. Even those who have left home to form their own families, some in different towns and parts of the country, try to come together for the holiday. I was feeling lonely away from my family and in strange surroundings. Even more, I knew that all those native foods and delicacies that I was used to eating during this holiday were impossible to get in the



city I now called home. Had I taken the best decision when I decided to emigrate? Should I go back and forget about all those dreams to better myself? All these questions were in my mind when I heard from a Puerto Rican friend who had been living here for a few years. She invited me to her house for Thanksgiving dinner. Suddenly, I was not feeling so lonely and desperate anymore.

When I got there, I went from one surprise to the other. She served turkey, the traditional dish for Thanksgiving, but there were also "pasteles," "arroz con dulce," and many other treats that I did not expect to find here. I felt so happy; though so far away, I was at the same time so close to my roots. I realized it is not where you were born but with whom you share your time that is important.

I met my friend's family, and they made me feel at home

immediately. It was as if I had known them all my life. They were very nice and warm. They shared with me their experiences of this new country and promised to help me all they could until I became acquainted with my new surroundings. God had given me all I needed. He had filled my life with joy.

This was a real Thanksgiving. I had thanked God because my friend had invited me to her house, and I did not feel lonely during Thanksgiving. I thanked God also because He answered all the questions and doubts I had at the time. He provided me with a new family with understanding and love. He had smoothed the way for me.

Now, after ten years in this country, after having achieved many of the goals I had set for myself, I still thank God for all the wonderful things He has given me. Every day is Thanksgiving.

CAMPUS SURVIVAL KIT

Exam Schedule

Students planning trips during Christmas should note that final exams will not be completed by the time school closes for the holidays. Last day of classes is Wednesday, December 21. Exams will be held on December 22 and 23 and will resume after the holiday, on January 3 through 7, 1989.

Study Area

Students looking for a place in Colston Hall to read or study will find room 707 to their liking. Stocked with books and magazines, the area also offers table space for quiet work, Mondays through Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Shuttle Service

Students, faculty and staff who travel to and from campus on Monday through Thursday evenings, from 5 to 11 p.m.,

are invited to use the free shuttle bus service from the Jerome/Burnside Avenue train station to Language Hall and Gould Student Center. The bus makes three or four round trips every hour. BCC ID card is required for boarding.

Problem Solving

Are you facing seemingly unsolvable school-related problems? Contact College Ombudsman Dr. J. Juechter in Loew Hall, room 307, Tuesdays, 2 to 5 p.m.; and Thursdays, 3 to 5 p.m. If hours are inconvenient, a telephone answering machine will take your message at 220-6437.

The Ombudsman is elected by the BCC Senate to assist students who have problems which they are unable to resolve through normal channels. All cases are treated confidentially.

Honey Fc. Sale

Natural honey from campus hives is available for \$3 a pound in the greenhouse behind Havemeyer. You've tried all the rest. Now see what honey tastes like when it's made by bees with a college education.

Fit Fun

The BCC Dance Workshop invites everyone to come and experience dance for fun and fitness. The group meets in the Alumni Gym Dance Studio on Tuesdays, 5 to 7 p.m.

Learning Specialist

Bring your academic troubles to the Learning Specialist—Myrna Pagan Ubides—in Sage Hall, second floor, Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Counseling in learning strategies and academic referral services are available. Call 220-6106 for an appointment.

HAPPENINGS

Free Concerts

The Department of Music and Art has scheduled eight concerts for December. Admission to all programs is free, and the public is welcome to attend.

Soprano Mareda Gather-Graves, accompanied by Elaine Toscanini, will perform on Thursday, December 1, at 12:30 p.m., in Guggenheim Hall, room 105.

The Bronx Arts Ensemble will present six performances of Douglas Moore's one-act opera, "The Devil and Daniel Webster," based on the famous story by Stephen Vincent Benet. Performances are scheduled for 10 a.m. and noon on Friday, December 2; at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Monday, December 5; and at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Monday, December 12, all in the Gould Memorial Library Auditorium.

And for a change of pace, ragtime pianist Judy Carmichael will be heard in recital on Thursday, December 15, at 12:30 p.m., in Guggenheim Hall, room 105.

Dean's Reception

Dean of Academic Affairs Carl Polowczyk will host the Semester's Dean's List Reception on Thursday, December 8, at noon, in Colston Hall, lower level. Members of the faculty and administration are expected to attend to honor students who have distinguished themselves academically.

Apartheid Film

"Cry Freedom," Sir Richard Attenborough's shattering film about the evils of South Africa's apartheid, will be shown on Thursday and Friday, December 8 and 9, at noon; and Monday, December 12, at noon and 2 p.m., in Gould Student Center, room 311. Admission is free.

Denzel Washington portrays black leader Stephen Biko who expounds the necessity for black consciousness—the notion that blacks have to take pride in their own traditions and run their own political groups. When Biko is murdered by security police, his friend, liberal white journalist Donald Woods (played by Kevin Kline) begins his escape from South Africa, with a manuscript about Biko. See it.

Haitian Gala

The Haitian Students Association is sponsoring "A Sensational Night of Elegance" on Friday, December 16, 7 p.m., in the Gould Student Center. Donation is \$3. The evening's festivities will feature folkloric dancers and reggae-merengue disco.

AIDS Conference

A special conference on "What Really Causes AIDS: A Challenge to the Human Immune Deficiency Virus Hypothesis" will be held on Friday, December 16, at 1:30 p.m., in the Gould Memorial Library.

Sponsored by the BCC Committee on AIDS and the CUNY Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on AIDS, the conference will present distinguished panelists who will discuss critical ideas that have

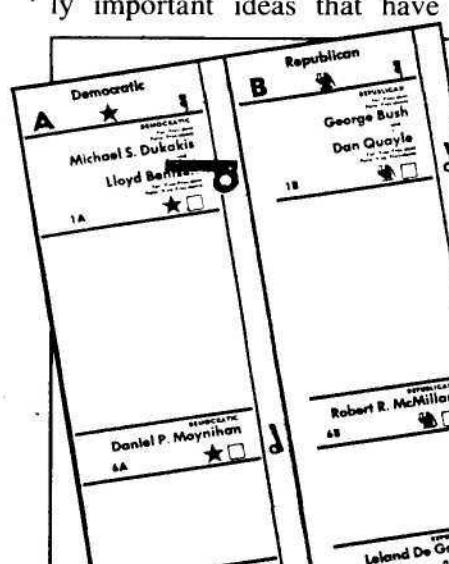
been consistently excluded from public discourse on AIDS.

Members of the panel will include: Dr. Harvey Bialy, editor of *Bio-Technology*; Michael Callen, of the People With AIDS Coalition; Dr. Peter H. Duesberg, member of the National Academy of Science and professor of molecular biology at Berkley (UC); John Lauritsen, well-known writer on AIDS; Nathaniel S. Lehrman, one of the first physicians to publicly question the virus theory on AIDS; and Dr. Joseph A. Sonnabend, among the earliest researchers in AIDS and a proponent of a multi-factor causation theory.

Prof. Frank R. Buianouckas (Mathematics) is conference coordinator. Dean Evelyn Kish chairs the BCC Committee on AIDS.

Chem Lunch

The Chemistry Department is sponsoring a luncheon for all pre-pharmacy students and any others who would like to find out about careers in pharmacy. The luncheon is set for Thursday, December 8, at noon, in Gould Student Center, room 207. The guest speaker will be John Fitzgerald of St. John's University School of Pharmacy. Admission is free.



A Communicator poll has found that Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis was the overwhelming presidential choice of BCC students.

Conducted on the day after the election, the poll found that an astonishing 88% of the students who said they voted supported Dukakis while 11% said they voted for Bush. Less than 1% indicated they voted for neither candidate.

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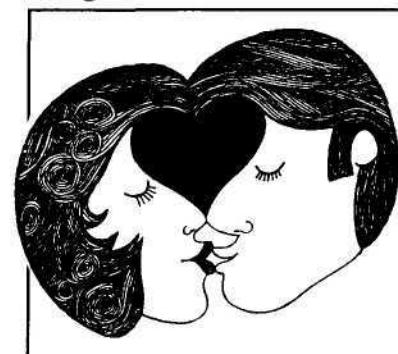
WRITER OF THE MONTH

After The Revolution

By James T. Brewer

The sexual revolution is definitely over. There was a time when free love and promiscuity flourished in our society. I think Burt Lancaster and Deborah Kerr helped to launch this idea. Their racy, hot scene in "From Here to Eternity" on the silver screen was a sign of the change to come. The motion picture industry had allowed them to make love on a deserted beach while the ocean's waves swept over their torrid bodies. The sexual revolution was here and began to take off. And I mean take off literally.

In the 1960's, free love, drugs and the right to self-expression became reality. "Make love, not war" was not only practiced, but prescribed. Love and sex were everywhere. San Francisco and New York City became the Sodom and Gomorrah of America. Life was what you could make of it. There was so much turmoil and alienation that a cultural and sexual revolution erupted. Everyone was doing his/her thing. Some people said that Jesus could be found in a sugar cube, while other people claimed "if it feels good, do it." Everybody was doing it!



The idea of free love became a commercial success. Sex clubs and the pornographic industry flourished. With the invention of video cassette recorders, the porn industry made even more millions. Sexual practices got more and more bizarre. And then it happened.

The outbreak of sexually transmitted diseases began to infiltrate and kill the sexual revolution. It started with herpes. Plastered on the front cover of newspapers and magazines was the deadly message that herpes was spreading rapidly through-

out the country. There are many different types of herpes, and some of these infections are incurable. Panic began to knock at the doors of the sexual athletes. Rumors spread as fast as the disease. Could I be infected by toilet seats or kissing? There was no more dancing in the streets; instead, there was panic. Herpes has now lost its appeal to the latest and most deadly disease of the late 1970's and 1980's. This disease is being compared to the deadliest of plagues that mankind has known. This disease is AIDS.

AIDS stands for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. It really means that if you get infected, you will most likely die. There isn't a cure for the disease. Scientists are not even sure how it actually started. Each day the newspapers tell of another theory on this killer. There are reports that it started from the African green monkey. It seems that some natives eat this monkey and that they acquired the disease this way. The disease is then sexually transmitted to other human beings. Regardless of where and how it started, AIDS is now world wide. Fear and loathing are exacerbating each new day. Scientists "blame" the gays and intravenous drug users for the spread of the disease. The public criticizes the scientists for not finding a cure. The scientists and the public criticize the government for not spending enough money to help in the fight against AIDS. With each new day, a different means of transmission is announced. The only way to protect oneself is abstinence.

People are now afraid of sex. Whom can you trust? How many people did he or she go to bed with? The hysteria and fear are real! Who wants to die? The sexual revolution is over! It literally came and went as fast as it started.

Are you residents of New York City living in a "sexual Russia"? You are, at least according to James Brewer, the English Department's Writer of the Month for November. In his winning essay, James vividly

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Poll Shows Students Supported Dukakis

dents responding, 27% indicated that they are not registered voters and, consequently, did not participate in the election.

In an effort to gauge the Jesse Jackson factor, the poll asked students if they would have voted for Jackson had he been the democratic candidate.

Among the Dukakis supporters, 79% said they would have supported Jackson; 16% said

they would not; 5% did not respond. Among the Bush voters, 58% said they would not vote for Jackson; 18% said they would; 24% did not answer.

While the anonymous poll does not make any claims at scientific accuracy, it does record the preferences of 537 day and evening students, ostensibly representing a cross section of the BCC population.



FOUNDATION AWARD RECIPIENTS: The Bronx Community College Foundation has awarded twelve scholarships to students in three categories: foreign, handicapped and returning older adults. Pictured with President Roscoe C. Brown, Jr. (center) and Director of Development Dr. Kate Quinn-Miller (right) are student recipients (l to r) Viola Hughes, Steve Morgan, Erenia Pena, Bhupendra Agrawat, and Esperanza De La Rosa. Recipients not pictured are Jean Wardini, Sharrael Seymour, Edgar Erickson, Kathleen Polkabla, Wanda Diaz, Javier Frometa, and Rajcoomarie Smith.

ENG 01 To Drop CUNY Writing Test

Under a recently approved English Department policy, the City University Writing Assessment Test (WAT) will no longer be given as the final exam in ENG 01. Instead, students will be given a departmental final. The WAT will continue to be given as the final exam in ENG 02.

Like the WAT, the new final will ask students to write a

composition, but papers will be graded according to a scale developed by the English Department rather than CUNY.

The change in exam policy will affect hundreds of students currently registered in ENG 01 as well as all those who will follow.

Students passing the new ENG 01 final will move on to ENG 02, the next course in the basic

skills writing sequence. Those 01 students who perform with distinction on the new exam will be given the opportunity to take the WAT on the chance that they will pass it, skip ENG 02, and go directly into ENG 11, the first credit-bearing composition course in the sequence.

The English Department's Writing Coordinator, Dr. Marsha Cummins, wants to assure students that the change has been made with the students' best interests in mind.

"The new exam policy reaffirms the fact that ENG 01 and ENG 02 are related courses designed to help students improve their basic writing skills," Dr. Cummins explained. "By moving away from the kind of question the CUNY WAT asks and the actual grade scale CUNY imposes, we are trying to make it less traumatic for those students who find it difficult to face the WAT after only one semester of English."

"The department hopes that under the new system many more students will be able to move into ENG 02 after only one semester of ENG 01. Once in 02, students will continue their progress in learning how to write expository prose. When they face the WAT at the end of ENG 02, they will have had the benefit of two full semesters of writing instruction," Dr. Cummins said.

The Middle States report praised the College for accepting its urban mission "with integrity and singleness of purpose." The team found BCC "a remarkably successful community college" that is "accomplishing its stated mission and goals and succeeding with dignity and honor."

Paying tribute to BCC students, the team found them "an enduring and resilient group" determined to overcome social and economic difficulties to pursue an education.

vessel that will sail them to financial success. But not James Brewer. He says he attends BCC as a liberal arts major to broaden his knowledge on a variety of subjects. "I never wanted to live for money," he says. "I just want to be happy."

And writing makes James happy. Inspired by a wide range of creative work, from the classic writings of Charles Dickens to the down home earthy lyrics of folk singer Bob Dylan, Brewer has been writing since the age of ten. He considers imagination and experience key to his writing. "I always write from personal experience," he confided, and he confesses to having personally witnessed each stage of the sexual revolution

he so convincingly writes about in his essay.

James' future plans include settling on a piece of farmland, possibly in Alaska, where he would continue to write. A native New Yorker, he is tired of the commercialism and the hustle and bustle of city life.

Brewer even finds commercialism in writing. "It ain't art unless it sells," he feels some people believe. Being recognized as the Writer of the Month is a great feeling for him, but he maintains he would still write, even if his work went unread, unrecognized, and unrewarded, just for the love of it.

Lisa A. Gray

Middle States Evaluators Give BCC Strong Rating

Bronx Community College has been reaccredited by the Middle States Association's Commission on Higher Education and has received what President Roscoe C. Brown, Jr. called "an exceedingly fine evaluation" from the visiting team of evaluators.

Every ten years, the Association appoints a team of educators from across the country to visit the campus. Team members read the self-study report prepared for them by the College, examine the institution's operations, evaluate its achievements, prepare a report, and finally decide on reaccreditation.

"The final report reinforced key recommendations contained in our self-study, namely the need to improve our enrollment management, the quality of our developmental programs

and services to students, our data collection and long-range planning," Dr. Brown said.

"The College is already addressing these issues through the various committees and processes that we have established to consider them," Dr. Brown asserted.

The Middle States report praised the College for accepting its urban mission "with integrity and singleness of purpose." The team found BCC "a remarkably successful community college" that is "accomplishing its stated mission and goals and succeeding with dignity and honor."

Paying tribute to BCC students, the team found them "an enduring and resilient group" determined to overcome social and economic difficulties to pursue an education.

Writer Of The Month

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recreates the rise and fall of the sexual revolution.

To James the crux of his essay is not so much his feelings about the sexual revolution but how he views people's changing attitudes toward one another. Brewer recalls the sixties as a good time for him. He says, "People cared about each other then; culture was flourishing, and the world was alive. Everyone today seems to be out for himself."

Brewer believes many people today are driven by the desire for money. They view their higher education as the

sports

Basketball Resumes With New Coach And High Hopes

BCC Hoopsters are starting their season with a new coach and high hopes for a winning record.

In his first season at BCC, Coach William Green has been working out the varsity basketball team to get his players ready for their demanding 24-game schedule.

Mr. Green, a former All-American at Colorado State, was first round draft choice of the Boston Celtics in 1963.

Returning from last year's CUNY championship team are Errol Brown (6'3"), Derrick Bunn (6'), and Shawn Dixon (6'1"). Newcomers include Ronald Praylow (6'2"), John Sanjurjo (5'11"), Robert Morris (6'6"), Edward Esoffery (6'), and Tony Gray (6'1").

Bronx plays in the tough Met Conference and faces such

Hoop Schedule

Mon. Nov. 28 — Ulster CC (home) 4 p.m.

Thur. Dec. 1 — Suffolk West CC (home) 7 p.m.

Mon. Dec. 5 — F.I.T. (away) 5 p.m.

Thur. Dec. 8 — Queensborough CC (home) 7:30 p.m.

Sat. Dec. 10 — Orange CC (away) 4 p.m.

Tues. Dec. 13 — Westchester CC (home) 4 p.m.

Sat. Dec. 17 — Suffolk CC (away) 2 p.m.

Mon. Dec. 19 — Rockland CC (home) 7:30 p.m.

(Home games are played in Alumni Gym. There is no admission charge.)

schools as the Fashion Institute of Technology at Madison Square Garden (December 5), Queensborough Community College at home (December 8), and Kingsborough Community (January 24). The netmen face 1988 Region XV Champions —Westchester Community College — at home (December 13). Another highlight this season will be a trip to West Point to play the Army JV (January 26).

Netmen Drop Season Opener

The new basketball season did not have the best beginning as the BCC hoopsters lost the aggressive opening game to Manhattan Community College, 85-90. With the score tied at 37 all at the end of the first half, the home team failed to sustain its hustle and the intensity it showed earlier in the game.

Robert Morris

Cross Country

The Cross Country season closed on October 29, with two BCC runners competing in the Region XV Championships at Sunken Meadow State Park. Only one finished.

Victor Maldonado, placed twenty-third overall, with a time of 32.06 for the 5 mile run.

Intramurals

Two intramural events for men and women come up next month. Table Tennis is set for December 1 and Power Lifting for December 8. Interested students should contact Prof. Frank Wong in Alumni Gym, room 300 C, or call 220-6021.



WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR: With a disappointing season at an end, Women's Volleyball looks forward to better times and a stronger show next year. Pictured above (l to r) are Lorraine Williams, Ana Brito, Assistant Coach Teddy Gaspard, Damarys Contreras, Waleska Olmeda, Coach Donna Genova, and Teresa Franco.

Volley Girls End Season

Women's Volleyball is over for the season, with the team sporting a 4 win 11 loss record. In the MCCAC Conference, the team scored 3 wins and 4 defeats, and finished fourth in the Met Conference Volleyball Tournament.

Coach Donna Genova started the season with optimism about the team's potential, but team performance fell below her expectations. Many of the losses

were close; often one hit, one pass, one spike would have made a difference. Nevertheless, says the coach, lack of concentration on the plays and frequent player no-shows hurt the record.

Distinguishing themselves in the otherwise lackluster season were freshman players Lorraine Williams, Damarys Contreras, and Clarisa Diaz, and senior player Sharise Davis.